

CT Department of Transportation
Installation of Centerline Rumble Strips on U.S. Route 1 (West Putnam Avenue) in Greenwich
Virtual Public Informational Meeting for the Town of Greenwich
September 5, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
Zoom Live Event

Report of Meeting

In Attendance: There were 5 attendees in the Zoom webinar.

Presentation: The meeting went live at 5:55 p.m. with an informative introduction slide for attendees to view before the event began. The official start of the meeting was at 6:00 p.m. with an introduction from Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Engineer Yi Lou, who also covered the process for how attendees could interact with the project team. Ms. Lou gave a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation, followed by a Question-and-Answer session. Natasha Fatu, Balazs Szoke, Rob Smith, and Shane McLean were also present and involved with the event on behalf of the Department.

The presentation covered the following items:

- The extents of proposed centerline rumble strips (CLRS) installation on US Route 1
- The safety benefits of centerline rumble strips
- The crash history on this segment of US Route 1
- The schedule and estimated Construction cost, which is \$7,000 and using 100% State funds
- Question-and-Answer session

Comments and Questions: The questions and responses from the Q & A session are listed below.

1. Question: How many instances have there been where vehicles have hit rumble strips and swerved into the outside lane and hit another vehicle?

Response: It is difficult to get this specific information. But this project is about centerline rumble strips, not edge line rumble strips. We do have specific information about head-on and sideswipe opposite direction crashes over the past three years, as mentioned in the presentation. The number is staggering. These rumble strips have been proven to be effective to reduce such crashes which are often fatal.

2. Question: How many head on and lane departure crashes have occurred in this 1.5 mi stretch.?

Response: There were two sideswipe crashes in the CLRS area. This does not include close calls that may have happened. Ultimately we hope to have prevented those two crashes and possibly others in the future. This is a proactive countermeasure so even if there isn't a history of crashes there we want to prevent future crashes rather than take a reactive approach.

3. Question: How long will the project take?

Response: Once the construction crews mobilize, they can complete a 1.5-mile long segment like this in a day. Once the new pavement is installed, this will be a short process which is not anticipated to impact regular commutes or lead to any sort of major delays.

The meeting ended at 6:32 pm when new Zoom Q&A questions stopped coming in. Any outstanding email questions not answered during the meeting were followed up by email. Attendees were reminded to fill

out the survey and that the comment period would be open until September 20th, 2024 should anyone wish to submit further comments or questions to the project email or phone number.